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1) Development of staff to have assessment skills and competencies that determine the risks and needs of children and their families.	1.1. All existing FCMs, FCM Supervisors, Local Office Directors, and Regional Managers will be trained in the final stages of TEAPI: planning and intervening.	1.1. (a). Complete TEAPI training according to the developed roll-out training plan and calendars for FCMs, FCM Supervisors, Local Office Directors and Regional Managers.	Q1	MB Lippold and D. Judkins	Training Plan, roll-out calendar, sign-in sheets	TEAPI was completed for the majority of DCS staff on 5-6-09. Also, the TEAPI training schedule indicates the dates and regions that were trained on each of the Practice Model Skills. 100% of all Local Office Directors and Regional Managers have completed training for all elements of TEAPI. Of the existing 1,557 Family Case Managers, only a small percentage in six regions have not been trained. Regions 1,3, 5 and 10 have less than 1% of staff who are not trained in all elements of TEAPI and Regions 16 and 17 have between 2% and 11% of staff not fully trained. Those staff who were not trained or did not complete the TEAPI training will do so through New Worker Training. The TEAPI training spreadsheet attached includes FCMs, FCM Supervisors and Local Office Directors. (see Appendices : A.1.Training Roster, A.2. roll-out calendar, A.3. analysis of staff completion.)	Evidence of completion renegotiated via email on 6-30-09. In Appendix A.1, "CWPPG" is listed as trainer, what does the acronym stand for? When does Indiana anticipate all staff will complete training? ----- ----DISCUSSED During 12-15-09 conference call - CWPPG means Child Welfare Policy & Practice Group. Benchmark completed based upon discussion.	completed with submission of 1st QSR on 10/7/2009
1) Development of staff to have assessment skills and competencies that determine the risks and needs of children and their families.	1.2. Ensure consistency in timely response to CA/N (child abuse/neglect) reports across regions.	1.2. (a). Data will be collected, analyzed, and a QAR report will be developed which identified a baseline for improvement at the local levels.	Q4	A. Green	QAR report for timeliness of initiation at the local and Regional levels.			

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1) Development of staff to have assessment skills and competencies that determine the risks and needs of children and their families.	1.2. Ensure consistency in timely response to CA/N (child abuse/neglect) reports across regions.	1.2. (c.) Each region will submit a quarterly Strategic Action Plan (SAP) that will address response timeliness in compliance with statutory requirements.	Q4, Q6, Q8	D. Judkins	SAP report			
1) Development of staff to have assessment skills and competencies that determine the risks and needs of children and their families.	1.2. Ensure consistency in timely response to CA/N (child abuse/neglect) reports across regions.	1.2. (d). The SAPs will be based on the practice indicators, and QAR results and reviewed by executive management quarterly for discussion and further planning.	Q4, Q6, Q8	D. Judkins	SAP reports and outcome of further planning determined.			
1) Development of staff to have assessment skills and competencies that determine the risks and needs of children and their families.	1.3. CFTMs/case conferences will be used to develop effective and achievable safety plans to ensure children are safe at the time of DCS' initial involvement and thereafter until case closure.	1.3. (a). Assessors (investigators) will conduct a CFTM/Case conference during the initial stage of the case and develop a safety plan when a report is substantiated and further action is determined (IA, In-home CHINS, and Out of Home Chins).	Q2	D. Judkins	QAR Report will indicate the percentage of initial CFTMs completed with a safety plan developed.	According to a QAR report period ending in September 2009, a total of 1,679 assessment cases (385 assessments resulting in IAs and 1,294 assessments resulting in CHINS) were surveyed to indicate the development of a safety plan during the initial stage at a case conference or CFTM once a substantiation was established. (See <b>Appendices</b> : P.1.QAR Data Analysis and P.2. IA and CHINS Survey Report).		1/28/2010

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1) Development of staff to have assessment skills and competencies that determine the risks and needs of children and their families.	1.5. Implement permanency planning system-wide while focusing on the "life of the case", placement stability, and timeliness.	1.5. (a). Develop concurrent planning training for DCS field staff, i.e. FCMs, FCM supervisors, Local Office Directors and Executive Managers and provide the training by regions. Additionally, develop roll-out plan for training.	Q4	D. Judkins and MB Lippold	Concurrent planning curriculum and roll-out calendar.			

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1) Development of staff to have assessment skills and competencies that determine the risks and needs of children and their families.	1.5. Implement permanency planning system-wide while focusing on the "life of the case", placement stability, and timeliness.	1.5. (d) Develop curriculum on permanency planning (1 day workshop) in collaboration with the Indiana Judicial Center. Offer training regionally for DCS staff and court personnel using videoconferencing capability.	Q6	MB Lippold and A. Brown (Indiana Judicial Center)	Permanency planning curriculum developed. Attendance sheets and training calendar established and published.			
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1) Development of staff to have assessment skills and competencies that determine the risks and needs of children and their families.	1.6. Local offices will monitor and improve compliance regarding statutory hearing requirements to increase timely permanency for children.	1.6. (a). Central Office legal staff will review current law to identify any gaps in timeframes relating to detention, initial, fact-finding, dispositional hearings and TPR hearings in CHINS and TPR cases as well as timely filing of TPR.	Q2	J. Lozer and A. Green	Report of the review results will be provided to the Director and Agency	(See <b>Appendix R.1: Memorandum of Statutory Review</b> ).		1/28/2010
1) Development of staff to have assessment skills and competencies that determine the risks and needs of children and their families.	1.6. Local offices will monitor and improve compliance regarding statutory hearing requirements to increase timely permanency for children.	1.6.(b). If gaps are identified, introduced Legislation that permits detention and initial hearings to be conducted as part of the same proceeding. DCS' General Counsel will instruct DCS local office attorneys to timely file TPR petitions in cases supervised by DCS.	Q3	J. Lozer	Proposed legislative agenda.	(See <b>Appendix R.1: Memorandum of Statutory Review</b> ).		1/28/10

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1) Development of staff to have assessment skills and competencies that determine the risks and needs of children and their families.	1.6. Local offices will monitor and improve compliance regarding statutory hearing requirements to increase timely permanency for children.	1.6. (d.) If gaps are identified, form a taskforce to assist the Regional Managers in development of corrective measures and the implementation of those measures that will be addressed in the regional SAPs. The corrective measures will strengthen the timeframes between initial and detention hearings, compliance with TPR filings requirements as well as fact-finding and dispositional hearings.	Q2,Q6 (Renegotiated to Q3, Q6, per discussion with FEDs and approved August 2009)	J. Lozer and A. Green	Taskforce recommendations and SAP reports with corrective measures.	The taskforce was comprised of Regional Managers from Regions 10 and 15, Chief Legal Counsel from Region 10, staff attorney from Region 11, and Deputy Directors from Legal and Field Operations. The taskforce reviewed QAR data from each county and developed a legal staffing form designed to aid in local staff attorneys and FCMs adherence to statutory timeframes. In Quarter 3, The Regional STAR Report will reflect the use of this tool in selected regions along with a roll-out plan to implement the tool statewide by Q4. (See <b>appendix R: Taskforce Recommendations</b> ) *See <b>Appendix KK.1: Excerpts from STAR Report</b>		

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1) Development of staff to have assessment skills and competencies that determine the risks and needs of children and their families.	1.7. Establish the use of Mock Trial DVD for staff training purposes to improve worker skills in court hearings.	1.7.(b). Implement training schedule for established curriculum.	Q7	MB Lippold	Training schedule			
1) Development of staff to have assessment skills and competencies that determine the risks and needs of children and their families.	1.8. Family Case Managers will local non-custodial parents and other relatives beginning at the assessment (investigation) process and throughout the life of the case.	1.8. (a). Genogram software tool will be provided to all FCMs to use to identify family supports and will be utilized during the CFTM process to identify non-custodial parents and their contacts.	Q3	D. Judkins	Genogram Software tool	<i>The GenoPro is an advanced, well-organized software tool that allows FCMs to create automated genograms and ecomaps. DCS has trained approximately 1,780 staff on this tool with the continued effort to assist FCMs in identifying family members and their supports as early as possible. (See <b>Appendices:</b> N.1. GenoPro Software tool, N.2. admin letter, N.3. CAT training script, and N.4.download information.)</i>		10/7/09
1) Development of staff to have assessment skills and competencies that determine the risks and needs of children and their families.	1.8. Family Case Managers will locate non-custodial parents and other relatives beginning at the assessment (investigation) process and throughout the life of the case.	1.8. (b). Once tool is used it will be converted to a word document and placed in ICWIS contacts and used as a reference.	Q4	D. Judkins	ICWIS reports showing examples of genograms.			

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1) Development of staff to have assessment skills and competencies that determine the risks and needs of children and their families.	1.8. Family Case Managers will local non-custodial parents and other relatives beginning at the assessment (investigation) process and throughout the life of the case.	1.8. (e). Policy regarding placing children with non-custodial parent and other relatives when it is in child's best interest will be reinforced via Director's note.	Q3	D. Judkins	Director's Note addressing practice expectation.	<b>Appendix MM: Director's Note</b>		
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1) Development of staff to have assessment skills and competencies that determine the risks and needs of children and their families.	1.9. DCS will expand placement options to consider non-related adults when it is in the best interest of the child.	1.9. (a). Policy staff will research non-relative kin definitions from other states.	Q5	A. Green and D. Judkins	Policy brief on kin definition			
1) Development of staff to have assessment skills and competencies that determine the risks and needs of children and their families.	1.9. DCS will expand placement options to consider non-related adults when it is in the best interest of the child.	1.9. (b). Policy will collaboratively draft with Court Improvement Project (CIP) a new definition of non-relative kin.	Q5	A. Green and D. Judkins	Approved definition of kin			
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1) Development of staff to have assessment skills and competencies that determine the risks and needs of children and their families.	1.9. DCS will expand placement options to consider non-related adults when it is in the best interest of the child.	1.9. (e). Add the newly defined kinship placement ICWIS and the Practice Indicator under CHINS placements.	Q5	D. Judkins and A. Green	Revised ICWIS and practice indicator for increased relative care.			
1) Development of staff to have assessment skills and competencies that determine the risks and needs of children and their families.	1.10. DCS will emphasize to all field staff the value of proximity and preserving essential connections to the child's family, culture, religion and community.	1.10. (a). Quarterly Mandatory management meetings (QUAD) will have proximity and preserving connections as a recurring agenda item.	Q2	D. Judkins	QUAD meeting notes.	In September 2009 during a QUAD meeting, a proximity scenario was shared with attendees to process and discuss various case management related topics to include preserving connections. (See <b>Appendices</b> : T.1. QUAD meeting proximity scenario and questions, T.2.Excerpt from QUAD Meeting Notes, T.3. RM meeting notes).		1/28/2010
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1) Development of staff to have assessment skills and competencies that determine the risks and needs of children and their families.	1.11. FCMs will increase the frequency and improve the quality of visits between the family of origin and the child in care to promote faster achievement of permanency and reduce the time a child is placed in substitute care.	1.11. (b). Field Staff will utilize CFTM/case conferences to encourage families and children's input on visits and contacts and to develop a visitation plan.	Q2	D. Judkins	Template of Visitation Plan used in CFTM/case conference.	A taskforce of policy and field staff developed a visitation plan template to be used by FCMs during CFTM and/or case conference. FCMs are to download a copy of the visit plan in the visitation screen in ICWIS. A new feature was added in the visitation module that allows FCMS to indicate if the plan was created in a CFTM, case conference, or other. (See <b>Appendix U</b> : Visitation Plan Template).		1/28/2010
1) Development of staff to have assessment skills and competencies that determine the risks and needs of children and their families.	1.11. FCMs will increase the frequency and improve the quality of visits between the family of origin and the child in care to promote faster achievement of permanency and reduce the time a child is placed in substitute care.	1.11. (c.) Visitation plans created will be placed in the visitation screen in ICWIS.	Q2, Q6 (Deleted Quarters 4 and 8. Approved 3-10-10)	D. Judkins and A. Green	ICWIS report identifying rate of plans created for eligible families.	ICWIS generated a one time aggregated report to capture all visitation plans from the period of 9-1-09 through 11-30-09 by region and county with a State total. An ICWIS migration on 12-1-09 added a new feature to capture if the visitation plans were created during a Child and Family Team Meeting or Case Conference. See <b>Appendix V</b> : ICWIS Aggregated Visit Plan Report).		

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<del>1) Development of staff to have assessment skills and competencies that determine the risks and needs of children and their families.</del>	<del>1.11. FCMS will increase the frequency and improve the quality of visits between the family of origin and the child in care to promote faster achievement of permanency and reduce the time a child is placed in substitute care.</del>	<del>1.11.(e). DCS will form a workgroup that will discuss the development of FCMS' facilitation skills necessary to ensure visitations between the child and the parent as well as visitations between the child with participating relatives are progressive and productive.</del>	<del>Q5(Removed and replaced by newly revised PIP item 3.3 - Approved 2-23-10)</del>	<del>D. Judkins</del>	<del>Outcome of workgroup and plan developed.</del>			
<del>1) Development of staff to have assessment skills and competencies that determine the risks and needs of children and their families.</del>	<del>1.11. FCMS will increase the frequency and improve the quality of visits between the family of origin and the child in care to promote faster achievement of permanency and reduce the time a child is placed in substitute care.</del>	<del>1.11. (f.) Visitation plans created will be placed in the visitation screen in ICWIS.</del>	<del>Q6 (Removed and replaced by newly revised PIP Item 3.3. - Approved 2-23-10)</del>	<del>D. Judkins and A. Green</del>	<del>ICWIS report identifying plans created for eligible families.</del>			

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1) Development of staff to have assessment skills and competencies that determine the risks and needs of children and their families.	1.12. DCS will ensure FCM's compliance with the case worker contacts policy regarding frequency and quality of visitation with parents and children.	1.12.(c.) The Family Functional Assessment (FFA) will be used as a tool guide for FCMs in preparation for quality visits in all case types (in-home CHINS, IAS, and out of home placements).	Q2	D. Judkins	Copy of Family Functioning Assessment	The Family Functional Assessment is a comprehensive field guide that evaluates the domains of a family's life and assesses their level of functioning in each area. Field staff are encouraged to use this tool during the initial assessment of the family and throughout case involvement. (See <b>Appendix I:</b> Family Functional Assessment)		10/7/2009
1) Development of staff to have assessment skills and competencies that determine the risks and needs of children and their families.	1.12. DCS will ensure FCM's compliance with the case worker contacts policy regarding frequency and quality of visitation with parents.	1.12.(d). Provide Director's note that will require FCMs to use the FFA in preparation for quality visits.	Q2	D. Judkins	Director's note	DCS' agency director administered a director's note November 30, 2009 encouraging staff to use the FFA tool to ensure quality and productive worker contacts with families. (See <b>Appendix W:</b> Director's Note).		1/28/2010

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1) Development of staff to have assessment skills and competencies that determine the risks and needs of children and their families.	1.12. DCS will ensure FCMs' compliance with the case worker contacts policy regarding frequency and quality of visitation with parents.	1.12.(f). Supervisors will observe and mentor FCMs as they demonstrate the use of FFA. Counties will then provide a quarterly account of the use of tool to regional managers. Regional Managers will incorporate this report into the reunification section of the strategic action plan.	Q3	D. Judkins	Regional Strategic Action Plans	<i>In preparation for this PIP item, Field Operations requested the Clinical Consultant develop an observation tool that would mirror the principals of both TEAPI and FFA. In Q2, the observation tool was introduced to each Region. Marion and Lake counties selected two supervisors to pilot this tool by observing two family case managers apply the FFA during a home visit. All other regions selected one supervisor who observed one family case manager during a home visit. This totaled to approximately 20 case samples of supervisors observing the application of FFA with the use of the observation tool. The outcome of the observations were recorded in the STAR report. This process will be repeated for Q3. Recently, the Observation tool has been merged into the Supervisory Reflective Tool. The Supervisory Reflective Tool will be implemented statewide July 1, 2010. <b>See Appendices:</b> KK.1. Excerpts from STAR Report and KK.2. FFA Observation Tool.)</i>		

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1) Development of staff to have assessment skills and competencies that determine the risks and needs of children and their families.	1.12. DCS will ensure FCMs' compliance with the case worker contacts policy regarding frequency and quality of visitation with parents.	1.12. (h). Reviewers will be trained on updated questions.	Q5	A. Green	Practice guidance sent to local offices on modified tool.			
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1) Development of staff to have assessment skills and competencies that determine the risks and needs of children and their families.	1.13. All CHINS cases will be monitored to ensure that IL services are appropriately provided to eligible youth at the earliest possible age, and that all children are involved in the development of their IL plan.	1.13. (a). FCMs will facilitate child-centered (or child specific) CFTM to assess IL needs and is to be held at least 6 months prior to the child's 16th birthday. During which, the IL plan will be developed with the child and updated for every permanency hearing thereafter. This process will be reflected in policy.	Q4	D. Judkins, L. Rich, and A. Green	Template of IL plan to be utilized. Policy and procedural guidance.			

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2) Ensure that individualized programs and services are delivered to families and children in order to achieve safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes.	2.3. DCS will explore additional funding to provide mental health assessments to children served in Informal Adjustments (IA).	2.3.(a). Central Office will research funds that can be designated for mental health assessments for children served in Informal Adjustments (IA).	Q2	D. Judkins	Outcome of Research	(See <b>Appendix Z: Memorandum of Understanding between DCS and Department of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA)</b> ).		1/28/2010
2) Ensure that individualized programs and services are delivered to families and children in order to achieve safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes.	2.4. Enhance foster parents' preparation for placement to increase appropriate matching of homes to children and foster placement stability.	2.4. (a). DCS will form a committee to develop a Placement Checklist to be used by FCMs when placing children.	Q4	D. Judkins	Copy of pre-placement checklist that will be utilized prior to placement.			

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3) Engage multiple partners to protect children in their community through cooperation and communication.	3.1. DCS will collaborate with community partners to develop domestic violence guidelines.	3.1. (a). DCS Domestic Violence workgroup will identify the community providers, who offer domestic violence services, to develop a partnership.	Q1	D. Judkins	Workgroup membership and Partnership membership.	<i>The DCS Domestic Violence workgroup membership consisted of internal staff who represented areas of policy, legal operations, ICWIS, Hispanic initiatives, field staff and executive management. DCS forged partnerships with two significant community providers who serves victims of domestic violence in different capacities: Dr. Carolyn Black, IU School of Social Work and Domestic Violence Specialist, Celeste Jackson of Family Social Services Administration (FSSA). Over the course of this initiative, DCS has plans to expand this partnership to other community providers including law enforcement. In addition, FCMs have been encouraged to utilize the DV partner programs in their respective regions as an additional resource. (See <b>Appendix E:</b> Workgroup membership and partnership list).</i>		10/7/09
3) Engage multiple partners to protect children in their community through cooperation and communication.	3.1. DCS will collaborate with community partners to develop domestic violence guidelines.	3.1. (b). The DCS DV workgroup will develop recommendations from the collaboration to develop policy for field staff to assess domestic violence more effectively.	Q2	D. Judkins and A. Green	Recommendation from workgroup and written approved policy.	<i>The recommendations from the workgroup were utilized to update practice tools and current policy chapters (Intake, Assessment, General Case Management, In-Home Services, Out-of-Home Services) in which domestic violence issues made an impact. In order to locate the revisions, the tools and policies will indicate a new section that addresses domestic violence as it relates to that particular administrative or field practice. (See <b>Appendices : L.1.</b> Workgroup recommendations and L.2. Revised tools and policies.)</i>		10/7/09

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3) Engage multiple partners to protect children in their community through cooperation and communication.	3.1. DCS will collaborate with community partners to develop domestic violence guidelines.	3.1.(d).The Domestic Violence protocol and policy will be trained to field staff through in-service training.	Q4	D. Judkins, A. Green and MB Lippold	Training plan and roll-out calendar. Training sign-in sheets.			
3) Engage multiple partners to protect children in their community through cooperation and communication.	3.2. DCS will partner with FSSA, OMPP, and DFR to discuss issues of provider availability and develop strategies for capacity expansion, accessibility, and availability including services geared toward prevention.	3.2. (a). DCS will partner with all agencies mentioned to develop service strategies. Included will be encouraging providers to accept Medicaid and develop both capacity and service availability.	Q5, Q7	L. Rich, J. Ryan and D. Weinberg	Quarterly meeting meetings.			
3) Engage multiple partners to protect children in their community through cooperation and communication.	3.2. DCS will partner with FSSA, OMPP, and DFR to discuss issues of provider availability and develop strategies for capacity expansion, accessibility, and availability including services geared toward prevention.	3.2. (b). DCS will implement strategy identified and developed from collaboration.	Q5	L. Rich, J. Ryan and D. Weinberg	Outcome of implementation.			
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3) Engage multiple partners to protect children in their community through cooperation and communication.	3.3. DCS will work with community partners to emphasize the importance of the involvement of non-custodial parents, absent parents, and other significant relatives.	3.3.(a). <del>Develop a taskforce of those involved with Fatherhood initiatives, LEA, CASA, Juvenile Judges, and CIP to formulate strategies to increase non-custodial and absent parent involvement.</del> <b>Proposed new step):</b> DCS will form a fatherhood taskforce to formulate strategies and secure funding from CASEY foundation to increase non-custodial and absent parent involvement in selected Regions 5,8, and 16.	Q4	D. Judkins -M. Lippold and L. Rich	Recommendations developed from taskforce. <b>List of Taskforce members and recommendations developed.</b>			
3) Engage multiple partners to protect children in their community through cooperation and communication.	3.3. DCS will work with community partners to emphasize the importance of the involvement of non-custodial parents, absent parents, and other significant relatives.	3.3. (b). <del>Recommendations from the taskforce will be considered for policy and procedural development.</del> <b>Proposed new step:</b> A fatherhood initiative pilot will be developed in each identified region. Each region will choose a service provider to manage the pilot. Once the providers are selected, DCS will complete the signature agreements for each provider.	Q4 <b>Q5</b>	D. Judkins and A. Green - M. Lippold and L. Rich	Policy and procedural guidance. <b>Selection of service providers for each region and their program proposal. Signed agreements with providers.</b>			

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3) Engage multiple partners to protect children in their community through cooperation and communication.	3.3. DCS will work with community partners to emphasize the importance of the involvement of non-custodial parents, absent parents, and other significant relatives.	<b>New Step:</b> 3.3. (d). An additional step will be included in the ADI procedures for the identified regions to make a referral to the fatherhood initiative pilot during the locating/search process.	Q6	D. Judkins	Modified ADI procedures and Instructional Steps provided to the Field in those regions.			
3) Engage multiple partners to protect children in their community through cooperation and communication.	3.3. DCS will work with community partners to emphasize the importance of the involvement of non-custodial parents, absent parents, and other significant relatives.	<b>New Step:</b> 3.3. (e). Field Operations will monitor the use of the US Search report in the identified regions for possible increase in search efforts.	Q7	D. Judkins	Outcome of US Search Report and Comparative Data			
3) Engage multiple partners to protect children in their community through cooperation and communication.	3.3. DCS will work with community partners to emphasize the importance of the involvement of non-custodial parents, absent parents, and other significant relatives.	<b>New Step:</b> 3.3.(f). DCS will develop a fatherhood measurement data report that will track statewide search and engagement efforts from the field.	Q6	D. Judkins, and T. Bender	Fatherhood Measurement Report			

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3) Engage multiple partners to protect children in their community through cooperation and communication.	3.3. DCS will work with community partners to emphasize the importance of the involvement of non-custodial parents, absent parents, and other significant relatives.	<b>New Step:</b> 3.3. (h). Staff who oversee the Marion County Fatherhood initiative and the new fatherhood initiatives will generate monthly Fatherhood Tips statewide via email. The tips will aid field staff with fatherhood engagement techniques and address barriers to fatherhood involvement.	Q5-Q8	L. Rich	Monthly Fatherhood Tips			
3) Engage multiple partners to protect children in their community through cooperation and communication.	3.4. DCS will collaborate with CIP to improve the process of reaching permanency outcomes. <b>DCS will collaborate with the Court Improvement Project (CIP) to address barriers to TPR filings and to actively pursue adoption as the permanency goal.</b>	3.4. (a). Develop a plan to implement the Permanency Project Pilot Court/DCS initiative to improve the permanency outcome. <b>DCS will inform Judges on current permanency efforts by attending a Child Welfare Improvement Committee meeting to present the 6-month legal staffing form and permanency data report. The permanency data report illustrates the children awaiting permanency post TPR and children who are awaiting TPR finalization.</b>	Q1-Q4	<b>D. Judkins, J. Lozer, and A. Reid Brown</b>	Implementation Plan <b>Meeting Notes and Outcome of Meeting</b>	<del>During Quarter 1, Deputy Directors from Field Operations, Legal, Practice Support along with Region 14's manager and CIP administrator met to discuss how the Permanency Pilot Project will be implemented in the Pilot counties. (See <b>Appendix E: Implementation Plan</b> worksheet)</del>		10/7/09

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3) Engage multiple partners to protect children in their community through cooperation and communication.	3.4. DCS will collaborate with CIP to improve the process of reaching permanency outcomes. DCS will collaborate with the Court Improvement Project (CIP) to address barriers to TPR filings and to actively pursue adoption as the permanency goal.	3.4. (c.) Develop a review process for cases selected. DCS will prepare a Director's note or Admin letter to educate field staff, courts, and adoptive parents, whose children are currently ineligible for IV-E adoption assistance, on possible financial assistance with the TANF delinking process through Fostering Connections.	Q3-Q6	D. Judkins and J. Lozer	Formalized process in which the cases were selected. Update on the delinking process. Communication, via Director's note or Admin letter to field staff, courts and adoptive parents.			
3) Engage multiple partners to protect children in their community through cooperation and communication.	3.4. DCS will collaborate with CIP to improve the process of reaching permanency outcomes.	3.4.(d). Generate checklist for cases reviewed in order to move cases to permanency.	Q3	D. Judkins and J. Lozer	Checklist			

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3) Engage multiple partners to protect children in their community through cooperation and communication.	3.4. DCS will collaborate with CIP to improve the process of reaching permanency outcomes.	3.4.(e) Create and implement plan to share effective strategies with local offices and court staff.	Q5	D. Judkins and J. Lozer	Information disseminated to the field with statewide implementation roll-out plan.			
3) Engage multiple partners to protect children in their community through cooperation and communication.	3.5. DCS - Johnson County will continue collaboration with Johnson County Circuit Court to manage CIP funded pre-hearing facilitation program.	3.5. (a). DCS Johnson County will provide semi-annual reports on the progress of the initiatives outlined in the funded program.	Q2, <b>Q4</b> , Q6, <b>Q8-Due date changes approved 3-10-10</b>	D. Judkins and J. Lozer	DCS Johnson County Court Progress report to CIP	(See <b>Appendix CC</b> : Johnson County CIP Program Status Report).		
3) Engage multiple partners to protect children in their community through cooperation and communication.	3.6. DCS - Marion County will continue collaboration with Marion County Superior Court to CIP-funded Pre-hearing mediation and facilitations program for CHINS cases.	3.6. (a). DCS Marion County will provide Semi-annual report on the progress of the initiatives outlined in the funded program.	Q2, <b>Q4</b> , Q6, <b>Q8-Due date changes approved 3-10-10</b>	D. Judkins and J. Lozer	DCS Marion County Court Progress report to CIP.	(See Appendices: DD.1. Marion County Facilitation and Mediation Report and DD.2. Marion County Model Court Report on Mediation Program).		
3) Engage multiple partners to protect children in their community through cooperation and communication.	3.7. DCS - Tippecanoe County will provide semi-annual report on the progress of the initiatives outlined in the funded program.	3.7. (a). DCS Tippecanoe County will provide semi-annual report on the progress of the initiatives outlined in the funded program.	Q2, <b>Q4</b> , Q6, <b>Q8-Due date changes approved 3-10-10</b>	D. Judkins and J. Lozer	Tippecanoe County Court progress report to CIP.	(See <b>Appendix EE</b> : Tippecanoe County CIP Program Status Report)		

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3) Engage multiple partners to protect children in their community through cooperation and communication.	3.8. Positive outcomes reported from the CIP/DCS mediation and facilitation programs will be used to develop a statewide implementation plan.	3.8.(a). Field Operations will review the progress reports from the listed counties and develop a taskforce with CIP on how similar initiatives can be implemented statewide.	Q4, Q6	D. Judkins and A. Brown (Indiana Judicial Center)	Outcome of taskforce and statewide implementation plan, Q4. Update on Implementation, Q6. Outcome of Data, Q6 approved 3-10-10			

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3) Engage multiple partners to protect children in their community through cooperation and communication.	3.9. DCS will collaborate with IDOE (Indiana Department of Education) on the development and implementation of education advocates for wards.	3.9. (a). DCS and IDOE will draft educational advocate language and determine the job description/role of an educational advocate.	Q3	J. Lozer	Educational advocate language and job description.	DCS, Department of Education, and all state agencies have been placed under a hiring freeze. No funds were appropriated for regional education advocate positions and it is uncertain when and if such funds will be appropriated. However, DCS and IDOE have teamed together to help support the expansion of the Foster Youth Education Initiative into Indiana and the Indianapolis region in particular. The initiative focuses on identifying foster children and foster youth with unmet educational needs and ensuring they receive appropriate educational advocacy and opportunities. Each school system will appoint a foster youth education liaison and DCS will appoint a counterpart in its Marion County office. These liaisons will operate as education advocacy experts. This network of experts will include individuals in the provider community, Guardian Ad Litem and CASAs, and attorneys in private practice. Implementation is expected to commence on or about November 1, 2010 and will include initial training and recruitment efforts by IDOE and DCS.		

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4) Create an infrastructure that will support and sustain all components of delivery within the child welfare system.	4.1. DCS will utilize an assessment tool to identify staff training needs.	4.1.(a). The Individual Training Needs Assessment Tool (ITNA) will be completed for all FCMs with the FCM supervisor.	Q4	MB Lippold	ITNA training protocol			
4) Create an infrastructure that will support and sustain all components of delivery within the child welfare system.	4.1. DCS will utilize an assessment tool to identify staff training needs.	4.1. (b). Once training needs are identified the curriculum developed will include a catalog of courses available to FCMs that will include classroom training, web-based e-learning modules, and video conferencing training.	Q6	MB Lippold	Course catalog			
4) Create an infrastructure that will support and sustain all components of delivery within the child welfare system.	4.1. DCS will utilize an assessment tool to identify staff training needs.	4.1. (c.) A schedule for needs-based training courses will be published and distributed to FCMS to review.	Q6	MB Lippold	Training schedule			
4) Create an infrastructure that will support and sustain all components of delivery within the child welfare system.	4.1. DCS will utilize an assessment tool to identify staff training needs.	4.1. (d). FCMS will attend classes and complete all requirements including evaluation summary.	Q8	MB Lippold	Published evaluation data based on satisfaction surveys completed and reviewed for training effectiveness.			

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4) Create an infrastructure that will support and sustain all components of delivery within the child welfare system.	4.1. DCS will utilize an assessment tool to identify staff training needs.	4.1.(f). Develop a policy to determine the required in-service training hours for FCMs each year.	Q3	MB Lippold and A. Green	Policy	See <b>Appendix VV</b> : Policy		
4) Create an infrastructure that will support and sustain all components of delivery within the child welfare system.	4.1. DCS will utilize an assessment tool to identify staff training needs.	4.1. (g). Development of a comprehensive training record information system to track all trainings attended and completed by FCMs.	Q3	MB Lippold	Tracking reports generated to show number of hours completed.	This report reflects completed learning for an employee. It produces a list of all DCS trainings taken by the participant. The trainings are described by Course Name and it includes New Worker trainings, Experienced Worker trainings, Supervisors trainings and Computer-based trainings. The completion dates and hours received from each course is also indicated in this report. (See <b>Appendix WW</b> : ELM Report)		
4) Create an infrastructure that will support and sustain all components of delivery within the child welfare system.	4.2. DCS will provide consistent quality foster parent training to new and ongoing foster parents.	4.2. (a). Develop Director's Note to inform all DCS staff of the plan to transition FAKT training from Programs and Services Department to the Staff Development Department.	Q6	L. Rich and MB Lippold	Director's Note			

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4) Create an infrastructure that will support and sustain all components of delivery within the child welfare system.	4.2. DCS will provide consistent quality foster parent training to new and ongoing foster parents.	4.2. (b). During transition, Training staff will review current FAKT curriculum and identify areas to improve based on TEAPI model as well as update pre and post foster parent training materials to include more reality-based and situational learning.	Q6	MB Lippold	Documentation of FAKT curriculum review and revised FAKT training curriculum.			
4) Create an infrastructure that will support and sustain all components of delivery within the child welfare system.	4.2. DCS will provide consistent quality foster parent training to new and ongoing foster parents.	4.2.(c.) DCS Hispanic Initiative Program Manager will review current FAKT forms and training materials to ensure the use and correctness of the Spanish Language.	Q2	D. Judkins	Updated bilingual materials/curriculum	Updates and corrections were made to the FAKT forms and training curriculum to reflect correct terminology of the Spanish language. (See <b>Appendix GG</b> : Updated forms and training curriculum).		1/28/10
4) Create an infrastructure that will support and sustain all components of delivery within the child welfare system.	4.2. DCS will provide consistent quality foster parent training to new and ongoing foster parents.	4.2. (d). Staff development will develop a plan to have training available for Spanish Speaking foster parents.	Q5	MB Lippold	Plan completed with an implementation timeline.			
4) Create an infrastructure that will support and sustain all components of delivery within the child welfare system.	4.3. DCS will train foster parents, FCMs and FCM Supervisors on how to become educational surrogates.	4.3. (a). DCS will incorporate the educational surrogate training into FAKT training.	Q7	MB Lippold	FAKT training curriculum			

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Primary Strategy	Action Steps	Benchmarks	Quarter Due	Person Responsible	Evidence of Completion	Quarterly Report Update	Federal Comments	Date Completed
4) Create an infrastructure that will support and sustain all components of delivery within the child welfare system.	4.3. DCS will train foster parents, FCMs and FCM Supervisors on how to become educational surrogates.	4.3. (b). Provider practice guidance or policy tips to FCMs on how to secure an educational surrogate for children in placement, primarily special education students, as well as practice tips on how to advocate on behalf of the child to ensure educational needs and/or plans or met.	Q3	A. Green	Policy tips and practice guidance.	<b>See Appendices</b> : XX.1 Policy Email to Staff and XX.2 Policy		
4) Create an infrastructure that will support and sustain all components of delivery within the child welfare system.	4.3. DCS will train foster parents, FCMs and FCM Supervisors on how to become educational surrogates.	4.3. (c.) DCS will provide a Computer Assisted Training on how to become educational surrogates available to FCMs and FCM Supervisors. Training will be tracked through Enterprise Learning Management System (ELMS) for all who completed the training.	Q7	MB Lippold	CAT training completed and ELMS report of staff trained.			
4) Create an infrastructure that will support and sustain all components of delivery within the child welfare system.	4.3. DCS will train foster parents, FCMs and FCM Supervisors on how to become educational surrogates.	4.3. (d). The Foster Care specialization units will generate a report of foster parents who become educational surrogates and provide additional supports as needed.	Q8	D. Judkins	List of foster parents/educational surrogates			
4) Create an infrastructure that will support and sustain all components of delivery within the child welfare system.	4.4. Enhance Practice Indicator review process to measure safety more effectively.	4.4. (a). Expand definition of safety in practice indicator to measure safety more effectively.	Q1	D. Judkins	Revised practice indicator	The Practice Indicator safety definition was expanded to mirror the federal safety definition. The revised practice indicator and modified absence of maltreatment report will be available in Q2 (PIP item 4.4.b) reflecting the expanded definition. (See <b>Appendix G</b> : Expanded Safety Definition)		10/7/09

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4) Create an infrastructure that will support and sustain all components of delivery within the child welfare system.	4.4. Enhance Practice Indicator review process to measure safety more effectively.	4.4.(b). Utilize State practice tracking system (Practice Indicators -PI) to make the PI mirror the CFSR process. This will require modifying the PI report for the absence of repeat maltreatment and creating a new PI report to capture the absence of child abuse and/or neglect in a foster care setting.	Q2	D. Judkins	New PI created and modified absence of maltreatment report.	<i>The new practice indicator report and Absence of Maltreatment report have been modified to reflect the expanded safety definition provided in Q1. (See <b>Appendices</b> : HH.1. New PI Report and HH.2. Modified Absence of Maltreatment Report).</i>		1/28/10
4) Create an infrastructure that will support and sustain all components of delivery within the child welfare system.	4.4. Enhance Practice Indicator review process to measure safety more effectively.	4.4.(c). Based on maltreatment measurements across state, Regional Managers will develop strategies that will address the frequencies in maltreatments for each region. Each region will implement strategies developed and report progress in SAPs.	Q1	D. Judkins	Regional Strategic Action Plans	<b>See Appendix C</b> : (Excerpts from STAR Report)		10/7/09
4) Create an infrastructure that will support and sustain all components of delivery within the child welfare system.	4.5. DCS will sustain clinical supervision supports by integrating the efforts into on-going staff training.	4.5.(a). Fill the clinical consultant vacancy. Continued expectation of this position is to facilitate group in-service trainings with supervisory and management staff regarding best practices in Clinical Supervision.	Q2	D. Judkins	Name of new staff and job description. Schedule/calendar of in-service trainings.	<i>The clinical consultant vacancy was filled in 2009. This position will provide clinical support to supervisors and local office directors by ensuring fidelity and maintenance of various practice reform applications. (See <b>Appendix II</b> : New Staff, job description, and schedule/calendar of in-service trainings).</i>		1/28/10
4) Create an infrastructure that will support and sustain all components of delivery within the child welfare system.	4.5. DCS will sustain clinical supervision supports by integrating the efforts into on-going staff training.	4.5.(b). Clinical Consultant will meet with Deputy Director of Staff Development to devise a plan on how to integrate the clinical supervision techniques into on-going staff training.	Q3	D. Judkins and MB Lippold	Plan of outcome and implementation.	<b>See Appendix YY</b> : Plan for Clinical Supervision Techniques		

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Primary Strategy	Action Steps	Benchmarks	Quarter Due	Person Responsible	Evidence of Completion	Quarterly Report Update	Federal Comments	Date Completed
4) Create an infrastructure that will support and sustain all components of delivery within the child welfare system.	4.5. DCS will sustain clinical supervision supports by integrating the efforts into on-going staff training.	4.5. (c.) Clinical supervision techniques will be incorporated into New Supervisor training, Practice Model Supervision training and Leadership Training, Trainers will incorporate new material into appropriate modules.	Q4	MB Lippold	Curriculum developed and updated modules.			
4) Create an infrastructure that will support and sustain all components of delivery within the child welfare system.	4.5. DCS will sustain clinical supervision supports by integrating the efforts into on-going staff training.	4.5.(d). The Clinical consultant in collaboration with Peer Coach Consultants (Regionally-based staff) will develop a plan to mentor/coach staff on the fidelity of clinical supervision techniques as it relates to the implementation of the TEAPI model.	Q6	D. Judkins and MB Lippold	Outcome of plan developed.			

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## **Part B: National Standards Measurement Plan and Quarterly Status Report**

<b>Safety Outcome 1: Absence of Recurrence of Maltreatment</b>	
National Standard	94.60%
Performance as Measured in Final Report/Source Data Period	92.7% (4-1-05b to 3-31-06a) (met standard per Feds January 2009)
Performance as Measured at Baseline/Source Data Period	93.2% (07ab)

Negotiated Improvement Goal	93.80%											
Renegotiated Improvement Goal												
Status (Enter the	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12
the												
Note												
Safety Outcome 1: Absence of Maltreatment of Children in Foster Care												
National Standard	99.68%											
Performance as Measured in Final Report/Source Data Period	99.30%											

Performance as Measured at Baseline/ Source Data Period	99.69% (FY 07ab)											
Negotiated Improvement Goal	N/A. Met National Standard: (Indiana Data Profile, July 9, 2008)											
Renegotiated Improvement Goal												
Status (Enter the	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12
Note												
<b>Permanency Outcome 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification</b>												
National Standard	122.6											

Performance as Measured in Final Report/Source Data Period	120.9											
Performance as Measured at Baseline/Source Data Period	124.6 (2008ab profile)											
Negotiated Improvement Goal	N/A. Exceeded National Standard with both the 07b/08a Profile, July 9, 2008 & 08ab Profile, March 31, 2009											
Renegotiated Improvement Goal												
Status (Enter the	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12
Note												

Permanency Outcome 1: Timeliness of Adoptions												
National Standard	106.4											
Performance as Measured in Final Report/Source Data Period	114.7											
Performance as Measured at Baseline/Source Data Period	117.2 (2008ab profile)											
Negotiated Improvement Goal	N/A. Met Standard with both the 07b08a profile, July 9, 2008 & 08ab profile, March 31, 2009.											
Renegotiated Improvement Goal												
Status	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12



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Note												
<b>Permanency Outcome 1: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time</b>												
National Standard	121.7											
Performance as Measured in Final Report/Source Data Period	119.7											
Performance as Measured at Baseline/Source Data Period	133.4 (08ab profile)											
Negotiated Improvement Goal	N/A - Exceeded national standard with both the 07b08a and 08ab profiles.											

Renegotiated Improvement Goal												
Status (Enter the	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12
Note												
<b>Permanency Outcome 1: Placement Stability</b>												
National Standard	101.5											
Performance as Measured in Final Report/Source Data Period	95.6 (Met Standard Per Feds January 2009)											
Performance as Measured at Baseline/ Source Data Period	100.7 (08ab profile on March 31, 2009)											

Negotiated Improvement Goal	101.5											
Renegotiated Improvement Goal												
Status (Enter the	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12
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Note: See Appendix Q: CFSR Item #1 Baseline Data												
Outcome/System ic Factor: _Safety Outcome 2__ Item: _3__		Item:										
Performance as Measured in Final Report	84%											
Performance as Measured at Baseline/Source Data Period												
Negotiated Improvement Goal												
Method of Measuring Improvement	QSR Tool - Practice Review 8											
Renegotiated Improvement Goal												
Status (Enter the quarter end date and measurement	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12
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Outcome/System ic Factor: _Safety Outcome 2__ Item: _4__		Item:										

Performance as Measured in Final Report	71%											
Performance as Measured at Baseline/Source Data Period												
Negotiated Improvement Goal												
Method of Measuring Improvement	QSR Tool - Child Status Review 1											
Renegotiated Improvement Goal												
Status (Enter the quarter end date and measurement)	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12
Note												
Outcome/System ic Factor: _Permanency Outcome 1____ Item: __7_		Item:										
Performance as Measured in Final Report	53%											
Performance as Measured at Baseline/Source Data Period												

Negotiated Improvement Goal												
Method of Measuring Improvement	QAR tool - new question											
Renegotiated Improvement Goal												
Status (Enter the quarter end date and measurement)	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12
Note												
Outcome/Systemic Factor: _Permanency Outcome 1_ Item: __10__		Item:										
Performance as Measured in Final Report	88%											
Performance as Measured at Baseline/Source Data Period												
Negotiated Improvement Goal												
Method of Measuring Improvement	QSR Tool - Child Status Review 9: Pathways to Independence											



Renegotiated Improvement Goal												
Status (Enter the quarter end date and measurement)	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12
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Outcome/Systemic Factor: Well-Being Outcome 1____ Item: ____17__		Item:										
Performance as Measured in Final Report	45%											
Performance as Measured at Baseline/Source Data Period												
Negotiated Improvement Goal												
Method of Measuring Improvement	QSR Tool - Practice Review 4: Assessing and Understanding											
Renegotiated Improvement Goal												
Status (Enter the quarter end date and measurement)	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12
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Outcome/System ic Factor: _Well- being Outcome 1____ Item: _18____		Item:											
Performance as Measured in Final Report	51%												
Performance as Measured at Baseline/Source Data Period													
Negotiated Improvement Goal													
Method of Measuring Improvement	QSR Tool - Practice Review 1: Engaging - Role and Voice of Family Members												
Renegotiated Improvement Goal													
Status (Enter the quarter end date and measurement	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	
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Outcome/System ic Factor: Well- Being Outcome 1____ Item: _19____		Item:											

Performance as Measured in Final Report	77%											
Performance as Measured at Baseline/Source Data Period												
Negotiated Improvement Goal												
Method of Measuring Improvement	QAR tools (Wardship and IA) - new questions											
Renegotiated Improvement Goal												
Status (Enter the quarter end date and measurement)	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12
Note												
Outcome/Systemic Factor: _Well-Being Outcome 1____ Item: _20__		Item:										
Performance as Measured in Final Report	37%											
Performance as Measured at Baseline/Source Data Period												

Negotiated Improvement Goal												
Method of Measuring Improvement	QAR Tool - new language to address mothers and fathers											
Renegotiated Improvement Goal												
Status (Enter the quarter end date and measurement)	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12
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Performance as Measured in Final Report												
Performance as Measured at Baseline/Source Data Period												
Negotiated Improvement Goal												
Method of Measuring Improvement												

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